

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

Field of the Invention

The invention relates to an air vent for a ventilation system in a vehicle.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

Background of the Invention

With the known ventilation systems, the air emerges through outflow vents having air guide elements such as vanes or rotating cages that are usually adjustable and near the outlet surface. The appearance of the outlet surface is characterized by the position of the guide elements and is not uniform. A covering of the guide elements on the outlet surface with a grid or the like is not possible since the orienting effect would be lost with such a covering.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

Summary of the Invention

The present invention provides an air vent that, irrespective of its setting, has a uniform appearance of the outlet surface and permits any mode of air distribution.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Brief Description of the Drawings

FIG. 1 is a section through an air vent according to the invention;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 2 is a section through another embodiment of the air vent;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 3 is a section through another embodiment of the air vent according to the invention;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 4 is an exploded view of another embodiment of an air vent according to the invention;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 5 is a section through an embodiment with a shield member that can be moved transversely to the axial direction;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 6 is a section through an air vent according to the invention with a shield member that is mounted for pivotal movement;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

FIGS. 7 to 9 show another embodiment of the air vent according to the invention with the shield member and a diffuser structure in different positions.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

Detail Description of the Invention

The air vent has a generally rectangular frame 10 with two pairs of opposed frame sections. The longer ones 10a, 10b of opposed frame sections are spanned by a plurality of ribs 11. The frame with the ribs 11 is injection-molded from a plastic material. An antenna is incorporated in the frame. Specifically, the antenna has a generally T-shaped metallic body 12 with a first branch 12a that spans the frame sections

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10a, 10b centrally of the frame and a second branch 12b
perpendicular to the first branch 12a and extending along
frame section 12b.